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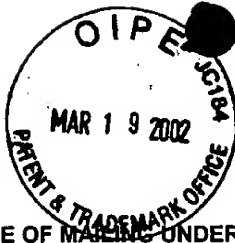
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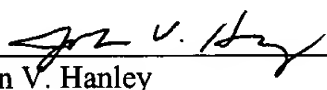
Dear Sirs:

This letter is in regards to the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement which was mailed on August 27, 2001. The Information Disclosure Statement listed a French patent, FR 2 748 197-A1. The referenced patent is in the French language. We recently recognized that we did not file a concise explanation, as required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), nor an English language translation as required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c).

At the time of filing the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, no written English-language translation of this reference was within the possession, custody or control of, or readily available to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While performing a database search using the Dialog® system, an English-language version of the abstract for the referenced patent was discovered and is enclosed with this letter pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3). Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner consider French patent document FR 2 748 197-A1.

Respectfully submitted,

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Surgical implant positioning device - has tubular catheter with rod having smaller diameter than catheter which can slide to displace prosthesis
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The device has a tubular catheter (4,6) to be introduced into the anatomical conduit. A rod (1) has a first exterior maximum diameter which is less than that of the catheter to allow it to be introduced for the displacement of the prosthesis and its ejection from the catheter by axial sliding relative to the catheter.

The rod has at least one interior passage (1d) of a greater diameter of the guide wire (2) and it has a first maximum diameter section and a second section of smaller diameter.

ADVANTAGE - Eases insertion of catheters for treating aneurysms.
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Title Terms: SURGICAL; IMPLANT; POSITION; DEVICE; TUBE; CATHETER; ROD;
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